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SUBJECT: BILATERAL WITH SENEGAL ON THE MTN

1. ON JUNE 16, USMTN DEL MET WITH SENEGAL DEL (DIOUF) TO DISCUSS STATUS OF REQUESTS/OFFERS, AND THE NEGOTIATIONS IN GENERAL. DIOUF SAID THAT THERE WAS VERY LITTLE OF INTEREST TO SENEGAL IN THE U.S. OFFER, AND REITERATED THE LDC POSITION THAT THERE NEEDED TO BE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE U.S. OFFER BEFORE SENEGAL WOULD RESPOND TO OUR REQUESTS.

2. U.S. DEL SAID THAT TIME WAS GROWING EXTREMELY SHORT, AND THAT THIS POSITION DID NOT SEEM TO BE A GOOD WAY TO ADVANCE THE NEGOTIATIONS. WE SUGGESTED THAT IT WOULD BE A BETTER IDEA FOR SENEGAL TO MAKE AN OFFER IN THE FORM OF POSITIVE RESPONSES TO OUR REQUESTS, EVEN IF IT WERE CONDITIONAL ON IMPROVEMENTS IN THE U.S. OFFER ON ITEMS OF
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PRIORITY INTEREST TO SENEGAL. DIOUF SAID THAT THEY HAD CONSIDERED THIS, AND THAT HIS AMBASSADOR WAS NOW BACK IN DAKAR ON CONSULTATION WHERE HE WOULD BE DISCUSSING THIS AND OTHER POSSIBLE RESPONSES TO OUR OFFER.

3. DIOUF ALSO SAID THAT SENEGAL WAS FINDING IT DIFFICULT TO RESPOND POSITIVELY TO OUR REQUEST TO ELIMINATE THE EC

PREFERENCE ON THE DROIT FISCAL BECAUSE OF "POLITICAL PROBLEMS" WITH EC MULTINATIONAL COMPANIES WITH FACILITIES IN SENEGAL. OUR REQUEST WAS STILL UNDER STUDY IN DAKAR, HOWEVER. HE ALSO NOTED THAT TARIFF REDUCTIONS WOULD BE DIFFICULT BECAUSE OF THE REVENUE ASPECT OF THEIR DUTIES.

4. DIOUF WAS DUBIOUS THAT THERE WOULD BE A CONCRETE RESULT IN THE MTN BY JULY 15, ESPECIALLY AS FAR AS LDC'S ARE CONCERNED. HE POINTED OUT THAT FOR SEVERAL OF THE CODES, THERE SEEMED TO BE NO CONSENSUS WHICH INCLUDED LDC'S, AND IT WAS DIFFICULT TO SEE HOW ONE WOULD FORM BEFORE JULY 15. WE REITERATED THAT IT IS OUR FIRM INTENTION TO FINISH THE FRAMEWORK OF AN AGREEMENT BY JULY 15, THOUGH SOME DETAILS MAY HAVE TO BE WORKED OUT AFTERWARD.

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